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Sir:

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Among the listed documents, JP 2001-191531, EP 1 164 013 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0038617 were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion issued in a corresponding PCT application (PCT/JP2004/016898; filed

November 8, 2004). Copies of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion are also enclosed.

JP 2001-191531 is discussed at pages 6 and 7 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent No. 5,627,732 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 8-51322.

U.S. Patent No. 5,952,884 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 11-234060.

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